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In re Application of :  
Cleary et al. : DECISION NOTHING JOINDER  
Application No. 09/681,968 : OF INVENTOR AND PETITION  
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Papers filed by facsimile on 8 March, 2002 (certificate of mailing date 16 November, 2001), included a Declaration signed by the previously non-signing joint inventor, Jason R. Hall, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6918.

  
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